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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing about the conditions of chickens and eggs. I feel that the FDA must do more than put Bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures.

I feel the FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting because forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems.

The FDA has jurisdiction and should ban farm practices, such as forced molting, that injure human health.

I urge the FDA to ban the forced molting of laying hens because forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs. The cruelty and contamination are linked.

The FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay.

Thank you for any positive action you take to stop the forced molting of hens.

Sincerely,

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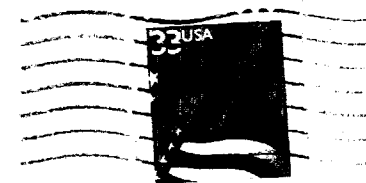
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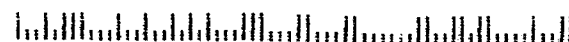


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